

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

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| <b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u><br><b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>  |
| <b>2. Agency responsible:</b> National Veterinary Research and Quarantine Service (NVRQS) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry  |
| <b>3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Livestock products for human consumption, such as milk and milk products, meat and meat products, and egg products, etc.   |
| <b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Any trading partner   |
| <b>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> The proposed Draft of Amendment to the import declaration and inspection method for livestock products. (Available in Korean, 1 page)  |
| <b>6. Description of content:</b> The proposed amendments are as follows:<br><br>1. Carry out more than five rounds of consecutive laboratory tests for import livestock products that are disqualified or have a history of failure in the past.<br><br>2. Expand the scope and permissible standard of minimum import quantity:<br><br>- The initial import quantities weighing less than minimum import quantities of 100 kg must pass laboratory tests from the government-accredited corporations, institutions, or organizations.<br><br>- In the case where the same products are imported again, no test requirements are necessary for products weighing less than 100 kg, while a new laboratory test requirement is necessary for those products weighing 100 kg and over 100 kg. |
| <b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests  |
| <b>8. International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None<br><b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>   |

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| <b>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> | NVRQS Public Notice No. 2002-62, 16 August 2002 (available in Korean).  |
| <b>10. Proposed date of adoption:</b>                                      | To be determined.   |
| <b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b>                              | To be determined.   |
| <b>12. Final date for comments:</b>  | 15 October 2002   |
| <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b>                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:  |
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| <b>13. Texts available from:</b>   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:  |
|  | Division of Livestock Product Standards<br>National Veterinary Research and Quarantine Service<br>Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry<br>Tel: 82-31-467-1988<br>Fax: 82-31-467-1717<br>Email: <a href="mailto:leekj@nvrqs.go.kr">leekj@nvrqs.go.kr</a> |